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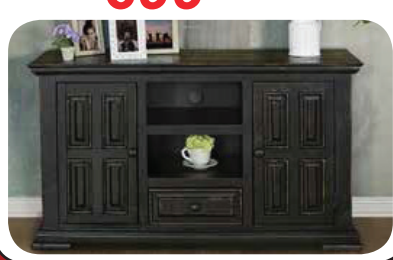
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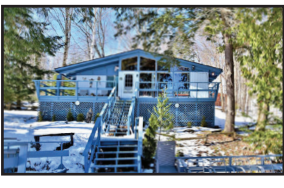
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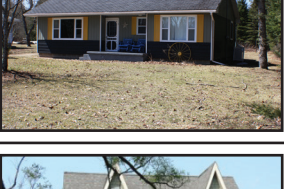
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Storm the Trent includes paddling, mountain biking and trail riding. This year marks the first time it will be hosted in Haliburton. /Photo submitted

Storm is brewing for Haliburton May 26-27

Volunteers needed for first Storm the Trent Adventure Race in the village

On May 26 and 27, more than 750 athletes will be coming to Haliburton to participate in Storm the Trent Adventure Race. While the race will be headquartered right in town at the A.J. LaRue Arena, the course itself will make

use of the waterfront and surrounding trails, back-roads and parks. The exact routes are top-secret until race day, but each course includes paddling, mountain biking and trail running, combined with navigation and route-finding. Three different courses will be offered over the weekend ranging from the beginner “Hike” course; the intermediate-level “Trek” course; and the “Trek Elite” advanced course, which kicks off bright and early on Saturday morning. A new family category is being introduced this year to accommodate the growing trend of parent-child teams.

The announcement of the first-ever Haliburton edition of Storm the Trent has already been well-received, with the race selling out in April. Normally the race is hosted in the Kawarthas but, “this venture north to explore the terrain, trails and waterways of the Haliburton Highlands is incredibly exciting for us,” says race director Sean Roper. “One of the key elements of our events is that the experience be a new one for participants each year, and we see huge potential in this area for unique variations of the race for years to come.”

Roper adds, “the local community has been wonderfully supportive of bringing Storm the Trent to the region.”

Local businesses can expect a surge in activity over the weekend as hungry racers and their supporters arrive Friday night and are expected to show their presence through until late Sunday afternoon.

Volunteer support for Saturday, May 26, would still be greatly appreciated. Interested volunteers can contact Sean Roper, race director: 905-580-2767, sean@stormevents.ca, or go to www.stormthetrent.com.

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THE ICE AGE recedes, leaving more than 600 lakes in Haliburton County. Pick one. You can appreciate them all, but most of us are loyal to only one. Is it the long and narrow lake? The shallow, sandy lake? The grassy lake where the herons wade? The deep lake where trout hide in cold troughs?

Winter has made our hearts grow fonder. We have been longing for this weekend in May. Against all odds, the car gets packed, the traffic is conquered and we are finally bumping along the cottage road. There is a sign with our family's name at the end of a lane that delivers us to our little piece of heaven, shimmering in the moonlight. Our lake. Before we unload, we traipse down to the dock and say hello. The lake answers with quiet lapping and a loon's call. Our hearts are home.

By definition, a lake is a large body of water surrounded by land. It is generally accepted that a lake is bigger than a pond. Size aside, it is safe to say that Haliburtonians know a lake when they see one, from small motor-free mud holes to expansive waters, surrounded by granite and white pine. They are all unique, with their own special personalities. Some are teenagers, wild with whitecaps that challenge paddlers. Some are dark and mysterious, filled with secret inlets and ghosts of old loggers. Some are extroverts, busy with regattas and happy hours and Bingo nights. Some are introverts, guarding their privacy with impassable underbrush.

I am changing lakes this summer. Sometimes you outgrow a lake, or perhaps the lake outgrows you. It is not an easy thing to admit. It feels a little like betrayal. Like a divorce. It's not you, I say to my lake. It's me. I still love you. I'll cherish the memories and the photos. Oh! The photos! Sunsets of silhouetted points. Children jumping off the dock. Deer, bears, a young moose, the wolves traipsing across the ice in February. The first boat ride of the season with black flies hovering. The last boat ride of the season with a backdrop of fall colours. The campfires.

There is much pride in knowing a lake well. Do you remember lake temperatures from years past, and the dates when the ice has gone out for the last many springs? Can you navigate the narrows without ruining the prop on your putt putt? Do you know where the sand bar is past the big island? How about the loon nests and the heron rookery? The jumping rock. The trail that connects to the next lake. Lake knowledge.

I love my lake, but it's time to say goodbye. I will miss the howling of the wolves on a cold clear night. I will miss the walk along the old logging road. I will miss the way the north wind blows the rain across the lake. I will miss the loons rafting late in August. Sometimes up to 30 gather in our bay to plan their trip.

My new lake is smaller. Calmer. There are fewer trees. The shore is sandy instead of rocky. But there will still be sunsets and children swimming and campfires. The moon will still rise, leaving a sparkling trail across dark waters. All that is required for a successful transition is finding the perfect place for my favourite chair. I will



Each lake has its own personality that we grow to know well. As the May long weekend nears, we long to return to our special lake, where our hearts reside. /JANET TRULL Special to County Life

sip my morning coffee and get to know the personality of this lake the old fashioned way. No speed dating. It will take a little time. I will accept the quirks in my new

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Editorial



This photo, likely from the early 1890s, is taken at Alexander Niven's former home on Highland Street. In the picture is Harry Clarke, standing on the left, who worked at Anderson's store on Main Street. His wife, Fanny Bemister, with the corsage on her dress, was from Beaverton. They had three daughters: Marjorie, Dorothy and Phyllis. Fanny died giving birth to Phyllis. Dorothy went on to become the postmistress in Haliburton (and was organist at St. George's Church for many years). /Photo and information courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

Fancy a cuppa?

KATE BUTLER

Special to *County Life*

“THE 24TH OF MAY, the Queen's birthday! If we don't get a holiday, we'll all run away!”

For years, this rhyme was heard around the schoolyards of Haliburton County.

Though today we're perhaps more likely to refer to the holiday as the 24th of May (even when it's not on the 24th!), this unofficial kickoff to the Canadian summer and cottaging season simply wouldn't exist if it wasn't for Queen Victoria.

There can be no doubt that Victoria was a powerful woman, who ruled a vast empire. Many of our modern customs were popularized by her court, including Christmas trees and white wedding dresses, but the question remains, why do we mark her birthday each year and not any other British monarch's?

The answer seems to lie in the timing. By the time of Canada's Confederation, Victoria had been on the throne for 30 years and she was widely considered to be “The Mother of Confederation.” Even before Confederation, her birthday had already been widely celebrated in the Province of Canada. In fact, in 1854, 5,000 people had gathered in downtown Toronto to mark her 35th birthday – a sizable number considering the population of the city at the time was only 30,000!

At the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Victoria Day marks the beginning of our summer programming season. To mark the weekend, we'll be hosting a special family friendly tea from 1:30 to 3 p.m. – enjoy tea and treats, make a craft and learn a bit more about the woman who gave the Victorian era its name.

Though tea is often linked with the Victorian era, the beverage itself actually first began to become popular in Britain in the 17th century. By the 1750s it had become the nation's beverage of choice, despite being expensive enough to be kept under lock and key in many homes. The occasion known as afternoon tea, however, does have its roots in the Victorian era. It's reputed that the Duchess of Bedford was responsible for the concept, as she was known to become peckish around four o'clock, since the evening meal in her home was served at the fashionably late hour of eight o'clock.

She would request that tea, cakes and sandwiches be brought to her rooms each day. (Luckily, the Earl of Sandwich had invented the portable meal that bears his name in the late 18th century!)

In Haliburton, tea was long the drink of choice. Among our early European settlers, a pot was always to be found on the stove and coffee was exceedingly rare. The lumber camps were also a great place of tea consumption. We know that a dollar a month would buy the men working in the camps their tea and we're quite certain that the comfort that cup brought after a long day's work in the woods was felt to be worth every penny! Why not raise a cup this weekend in celebration of our community's history? We'll have the kettle on!

Kate Butler is director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Making a weekend longer

LONG WEEKENDS are great. The problem is we don't get enough of them.

The good news is, with a little bit of effort, you can make a regular weekend longer or at least feel like it is a whole lot longer. Here are the top 10 ways.

1. Unexpected company
2. Trying to get through *Wuthering Heights*.
3. Romantic comedy marathon.



STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

4. Forgetting insect repellent on a canoe trip.
5. Calling in sick on the Friday or Monday.
6. Help a friend move.
7. Talking about your feelings.
8. Two words: TVO marathon
9. Finally, telling the boss where to go.
10. Falling for the old Ex-lax and chocolate bait and switch.

Soar

Wings gliding through cool blue Air, skimming the
 silence of Sky.
 I stop in the middle of the road, gawking up past the
 treetops,
 still scratchy and grey as the sweater I peel off me,
 shedding layers, my limbs light as Air,
 its pureness cocooning me in calm as I gaze up at the
 eagle soaring above me
 through Sky smooth as stone,
 sunlight polishing the wings of the solitary bird that
 swoops and glides, swoops and glides,
 its flight amplifying the quiet of Sky,
 spreading within me, giving my Breath more space
 to bloom,
 as my eyes roam with the eagle, watching it climb
 higher and higher,
 deeper and deeper into the vastness of Sky,
 drifting over the puddle of Lake, the shrubs of hills,
 its wings, still, as it glides,
 my eyes sliding down towards the droplet of Lake,
 as I stand on this hilltop road, guzzling the silence
 that spills all around me,
 blinking down at the Lake that awakens for the first
 time beneath blue Sky,
 sunlight melting its membrane of ice, quenching the
 Lake's thirst for touch.
 Fingers of breeze ruffling its Skin,
 the same Wind that lifts the eagle higher and higher
 into the Sky,
 beyond where my eyes can see, grinning at the
 breeze that blows through me,

carrying sips of Lake and wisps of Sky on its wings,
 as I stand here, small as a stone, all alone on this hill-
 top road,
 staring the brown hills straight in the eye,
 searching for specks of nests cradled in the crooks of
 trees,
 wondering how many birds are squirming in their
 eggs, waiting to hatch,
 whether they are as patient as the Lake waiting for
 all the ice to crack?
 I listen to the water dripping off the backs of boul-
 ders flanking the road,
 rivers of ice melting into the earth below,
 as smudges of birds chirp in the branches of the
 scratchy grey trees,
 itching like me, to bloom.
 I glance back up into the empty blue bowl of Sky,
 that's swallowed the eagle, whole, hiccupping this
 feather that lays on the road,
 like a talisman or harbinger of something to come.
 I squint at the offering laying on the ground, won-
 dering why I didn't notice it fall?
 I walk over towards the feather, pick it from the
 road, skim its fringe with my fingers, marvelling at
 how a few moments ago, it was soaring up in Sky,
 no longer a bird, no longer a wing, just something to
 hold and keep,
 as I meander my way back down the road,
 clutching my silky piece of Sky.

Sylvie Kalenda
May 2018

Trio leads concert series

On Sunday, May 27, the Haliburton Concert Series will begin its 40th season of concerts by presenting the MitBravour Piano Trio.

The trio is composed of Mauro Bertoli, piano, Jethro Marks, viola, and Paul Marleyn, cello. Bertoli is a virtuoso pianist who has delighted Haliburton audiences in the past, and he returns for this concert with two equally wonderful musicians. They will perform music by Brahms, Chopin, Piazzolla, and Smetana in a concert of duets and trios.

For the comfort and convenience of our audience, all of the three concerts in our season will be held at 2:30 p.m.

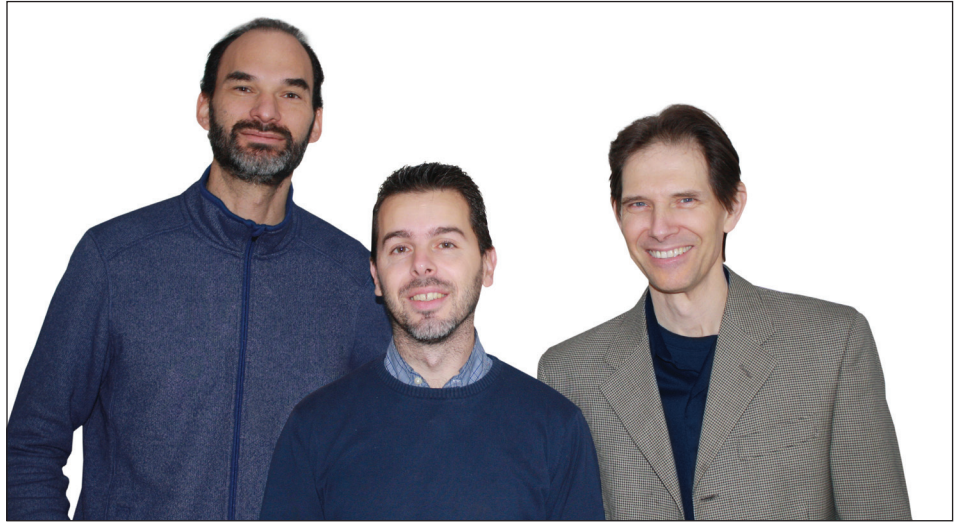
on Sunday afternoons. They take place in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton village.

Refreshments will be served at intermission, and there will be an opportunity to speak with the musicians following the concert.

Subscriptions for the three concerts are \$60 for adults and \$25 for students and are available from Fred Shuttleworth at 705-455-9060 or fred.ann.shuttleworth@gmail.com.

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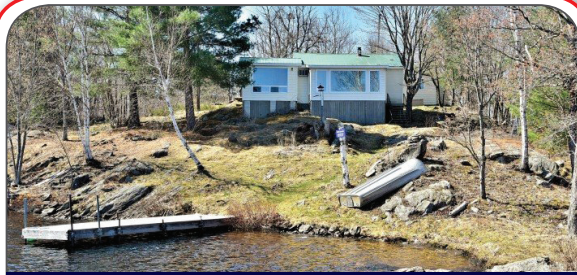
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The MitBravour Piano Trio will perform in Haliburton on Sunday, May 27. This will be the first of a series of three concerts this year. /Photo submitted

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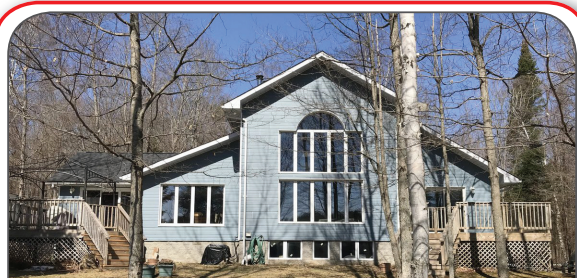
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Co-creating the song of life

THE TURTLES ARE sunning, the beavers are double damming, and life along the White Trail is as splendid as ever. It used to be we had the wilderness to ourselves to get lost and found in every day. But things change and the parking lot is pretty much busy all the time now. Our little piece of paradise has been mapped and found. Yep, life changes.

Nature is an ever-changing work of art, constantly co-creating and recreating itself. It's no wonder people travel alone and in groups to come out and be embraced by its gifts. The excitement of discovery, the challenge of the terrain, the unexpected moments of terror and/or delight open us to an aliveness our souls crave. Yes, every time I go for a walkabout it's the same – but different; “splendid” has many viewpoints calling to be discovered. Will the storms blow out the beaver dams? Will the deer shed antlers nearby? With climate change, will different species of birds choose to nest here? What a joy it is to watch each season unravel. What a gift to the senses.

You know, being in nature reminds me a lot of playing in the wind symphony and chamber orchestra. Musicians come and go, scores come and go, but the joy of participating in and creating something visceral is wondrous. How fortunate I am to co-create a sound with such a diverse group of talented players. Our politics, our social skills, and our beliefs could never be detected when we're on stage. We serve only the music. There is a simple purity in that: an undeniable beauty.

Music and nature, nature and music: ahhh, so healing.

Sitting here by the water under this perfectly blue sky, I slow my breath and entrain to the natural world around me. The trees, the rocks, the water: quietly participating, quietly co-creating something truly magnificent – the song of life.

We too are nature, we too are music, and we too are participating in and co-creating something quite magnificent. Whether we know it or not, our notes in the symphony of life may be right

or wrong in any moment, but it's the overall combined sound that makes the performance – makes our existence – memorable.

What is the title of the score we are playing? Is it written in a minor key with sad notes of longing? Or is it written in a major key with lyrical celebrations? Or maybe it's a longer symphonic piece with many key changes and moods?

Is it possible to train ourselves to hear the whole sound of the music and not get stuck in the notes, in the movement? We all make mistakes, but the song continues and we have to look for cues to hop back in and

carry on.

I'm writing this the day after playing in the Highlands Wind Symphony spring concert, and though I made a few mistakes, I didn't tense and give up but instead listened to the others and let them draw me along. Like a stream being absorbed by a river, I went with the flow and quickly realigned.

We co-create music; we co-create our lives; we co-create our song. And though it may seem like it at times, we are never truly alone. The lone tree's roots are entangled with the microbe-filled earth, the lone wolf is part of a broader landscape, and even the lone hermit is interacting with nature, meals and thoughts: all life is constantly entwined and co-creating.

I find a sense of peace with this awareness. Whatever is happening around – a right note, a wrong note – I have the resilience to carry on with the sound, with the song.

The song I'm choosing to flow with these days is kindness. Everything I do, everyone I meet, I try to co-create it. More and more players are joining in in this tune, and we are getting closer to the tipping point where longing and need are slipping away, absorbed into the ever-widening river of the kindness.

Yep, life changes.

Life is an ever-changing work of art.

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra spring concert, Passages, is Saturday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.



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The do's and don'ts of the Haliburton landfill

OLIVIA ROBINSON

County Life Staff

For those with spring cleaning on their mind, many Haliburton residents look to the landfill as a means to minimize junk and clutter – like furniture, stockpiles of oil and paint cans and expired tins of food – but the Haliburton landfill is warning its customers to pay careful attention when bringing items to the landfill, as improperly sorted items could contaminate an entire load.

Mark Brohm, landfill manager with the Municipality of Dysart et al, said that the landfill's protocol dictates that customers would be stopped at the gate to allow time to properly sort the items before disposing of them.

Commonly mis-sorted items destined for the landfill include construction loads littered with metal, cardboard and other items that could otherwise be recycled.

Brohm said one of the landfill's major concerns has to do with recycling and its most prevalent contaminated items.

"It happens when somebody has cleaned out their refrigerator – bottles of half-full salad dressing – they're just not cleaned, you know?"

Brohm said that the recyclable glass jars and plastic containers don't have to be in pristine condition when they are brought in, but at the very least need to be emptied of their contents. Otherwise, the item is marked as contaminated and gets tossed into the landfill.

Other culprits include plastic planters – with potted plants still inside – destined for recycling, and buckets of paint that should be disposed through the hazardous waste day.

"We go out and pull out as much as we can, it does take some more time," he said. "It costs extra operating time to correct that problem."

Brohm said the current regulations for the landfill itself have been in place for nearly 25 years, so it always surprises him when people ignore these rules.

"I just think that they can certainly do a lot better – some people really don't care," said Brohm. "When they drive through these gates the main thought in their mind is that they aren't leaving with what they brought in – they are going to leave it one way or another."

Throughout the colder season, Brohm said between 200 to 300 people bring their waste to the landfill per day, but that this number practically doubles during the summer months.

Generally, cottage-goers are adept at adhering to the landfill rules because larger cities, like Toronto, tend to already have strict rules about garbage and recycling, Brohm said. He noted that the most common mistake cottagers make is assuming that Haliburton is also on a one-bag system – meaning plastic and paper can be recycled together – but in the Municipality of Dysart et al, these items must be separated.

"It's just a small group who aren't trying at all – only about 10 per cent. Most people are pretty good."

The Haliburton landfill is configured in such a way where residents must pass by the recycling station before dumping their garbage, a strategic move Brohm said helps to make residents aware of what they are throwing away.

Brohm urged residents to call 705-457-9318 if they

have questions about waste destined for the landfill, or go to www.dysartetal.ca/portfolio-view/landfill for more information.

The Haliburton landfill is running on its summer schedule until Sept. 30, open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday and Holiday Mondays open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Mark Brohm, Haliburton landfill manager, hopes that residents will pay closer attention to sorting their household waste and recycling before they bring it to the landfill. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

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Campaign offers prizes to parents who read with their kids

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The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health are teaming up with local vlogger Michelle Ferreri (www.michelleferreri.com) to promote #ReadWithMe. Full details about the #ReadWithMe campaign and how to take part are available on Kid Talk (www.kidtalk.on.ca) – a website run by the local preschool speech and language program that offers many resources, tips and other supports for families.

"There are many rewards when you read with your child each day," says Shelley Shaughnessy, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Reading together allows you to spend quality time as a family, while helping to improve your child's speech and language skills. The #ReadWithMe campaign is like icing on the cake because it gives you added

incentive to read, engage with other families and win prizes."

#ReadWithMe is being promoted to families through select libraries and EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Special children's bibs with #ReadOnMe and the Kid Talk website are also available on request at these sites.

To encourage reading with a child, Shaughnessy says it is important to choose an age-appropriate book. Books with repetitive and rhyming text, as well as plenty of pictures and interactive features such as holes or flaps for lifting, can be a hit with older toddlers and pre-schoolers. For older children who are less inclined to read, choose a story with an exciting plot that will grab their attention and make them want to read.

Another way to promote literacy is to recognize how reading and writing show up in everyday activities. Shaughnessy points to grocery shopping as an example. "Get your child to help you write a grocery list, then look for letters or words on signs in the supermarket and shout out the names of the items you find. You can also read the labels on the foods you buy with children, and get them to help you sort the groceries when you get home," she says.



Health unit nurse Shelley Shaughnessy holding up a special children's bib being given out to promote the #ReadWithMe campaign. /Submitted



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World Soap Hockey Championships coming to Haliburton

Head Lake Park in Haliburton will be host to the first ever World Soap Hockey Championships – a two-day celebration of music, food and some of the weirdest hockey you will ever see or play. The event will see more than 40 teams playing on eight soap-covered surfaces.

The inspiration for the event came, in part, from a YouTube video that was viewed more than 25 million times in 2017. In it, participants tried to find a magical mix between hockey skills and the act of staying upright while playing in their bare feet on a soap-covered tarp.

“When we saw that video we thought it would be a great opportunity to attract visitors, support our business community and our local charities,” said event organizer John Teljeur. A portion of event proceeds, and 100 per cent of the silent auction, will help support the Central Food Network (area food banks) and Heat Bank Haliburton County.

Soap hockey is similar to pond hockey with a few variations. It’s a three on three format and except for helmets,

very little equipment is required. Even the specially made sticks, similar to what’s used in floor hockey, are supplied to participants.

The Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Recreation and Sport believes in the championships as well. In March, the event received nearly \$18,000 from Celebrate Ontario to enhance the entertainment portion of the event. Those funds helped organizers jump start the Haliboo MusicFest, which is part of the overall event. “Haliboo,” as many refer to Haliburton, showcases a number of regional bands as well as over a dozen of the best tribute bands anywhere. The event will also offer a wide variety of food vendors, beverage and local merchants.

Team registration and Haliboo MusicFest event tickets are now open and available at www.soaphockey.ca.

The event is presented in collaboration between the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship Events and Amazing! Agency which will be capturing and broadcasting all the action from all angles.

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Learn more about bats at upcoming workshops

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has been approved to continue with the second year of its two-year grant by the Ontario Ministry

of Natural Resources and Forestry Species at Risk Stewardship Fund.

The primary focus of the grant in Year One was to identify the bat species

and their distribution in Haliburton County. More than 40 locations were visited and tens of thousands of bat calls were recorded.

“Though anecdotally we know that bat populations are not as high as they once were, it is good news that we have documented all eight species found in the province, including the four endangered species: the little brown myotis, eastern small-footed myotis, northern myotis and tri-coloured bat,” stated Paul Heaven, wildlife biologist and principal investigator for the Bat Project.

HHLT is once again asking the community to report any bat observations this year directly to their office administrator, Christel Furniss, admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700. Of particular interest is the presence of large numbers of bats at a specific location, as this may represent a roost site.

HHLT also monitors all species at risk in the county, so please continue to submit all species at risk observations to Paul Heaven, pheaven@glenside-eco.ca or 705-286-3181.

Year Two will follow-up on active bat sites found in 2017. An examination of activity identified six sites that represent probable maternity roosts of the little brown myotis and seven sites that represent possible maternity roosts of the eastern small-footed myotis, northern myotis or tri-coloured bat.

All 13 sites have been identified for further investigation during the 2018 field season. These actions directly meet critical actions identified in the northern myotis, eastern small-footed myotis, little brown myotis and tri-coloured bat provincial recovery strategies. There will also be continued observations and documentation on all properties (approximately 700 acres) that HHLT currently owns, manages and protects.

“Remember that bats play an important role in the environment. They are nature’s environmentally friendly insecticide,” says Mary-Lou Gerstl, HHLT chair, “Bats can consume thousands of mosquitoes and other insect pests in one night.”

Learn more about these fascinating, beneficial creatures by attending HHLT’s presentation by one of the world’s foremost authorities on bats, Brock Fenton, professor emeritus of biology/UWO, “Exploring the Lives of Bats” at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on May 26, at 7 p.m.

Last year HHLT hosted an extremely successful bat box building workshop. Given the overwhelming response and interest from the community, the HHLT is pleased to announce that this year they will be hosting two more bat box building workshops, in partnership with Abbey Gardens and Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. Come out and build your own bat box to help reduce the number of biting insects on your property. The first workshop will be held Saturday, June 9 at The Fish Hatchery and the second will be Saturday, July 21 at Abbey Gardens. They both start at 10 a.m. and end approximately at noon. Kits will be supplied. Registration is limited so don’t be disappointed. Register today at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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CONSERVATION IS not the sole result of donations or dinners – although the dollars and awareness these events raise are vital to support it on a larger scale.

Conservation, the kind you can truly quantify, the kind that is meaningful on a local level, is created by people and their connection to the land. That begins when a person falls in love with the landscape and the things it possesses.

Falling in love with the land is easy. All it takes is familiarity.

This comes from walking the forests, meadows and marshes. Do this often enough and you will begin to see, from year to year, what has changed and what has remained the same. Pay attention and you'll soon understand and appreciate the complex rhythms of the seasons and the beauty within each.

Before long, you will know if the beaver population suffered due to wolves or merely moved on because habitat has changed. You will get a sense of how the local turkey flock weathered winter, if hares are making a comeback in the swamps, where to find an osprey nest and where deer show up at dusk. The cry of a broad-winged hawk will soon become as magical as the drumming of grouse in April or the sound of spring peepers.

You'll find yourself paying attention to tracks, identifying plants and birds

and noticing little natural wonders that you walked right by before. Heck, if you're not careful you will one day realize you are smiling at the sight of wood ducks or pausing to marvel as an echelon of geese passes overhead.

When you suddenly find yourself appreciating a property for more than the dollars and cents it might bring, you are well on your way down the road that leads to putting up and maintaining bluebird or wood duck boxes or breaking winter trails for deer.

This type of hands-on conservation gains momentum slowly, over time, but it is firmly rooted in a shared history between person and place.

All this is nurtured by waking up in the early morning and watching the fog burn off over the fields or listening to birdsongs, at least for a while, without the whirring accompaniment of passing cars. It is bolstered by the contentment felt as you meander through a familiar landscape. It is put into action when you fill a garbage bag with thoughtless refuse tossed by others or when you stand up to policies that will threaten sustainability.

Those who love the land are those who will do it no harm and minimize their footprint. Some of those conservationists will eventually pass along these properties as well as the history, appreciation and love of place to the next gen-

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Gardening in the wild: borrowing scenery

IF YOU LIVE IN HALIBURTON, you know about views. If you garden in Haliburton, you also know about views. What you may not be aware of is the landscape design principle called “borrowing scenery.”

Using the elements of the surrounding landscape to enhance, complement or repeat garden features is not a new concept. Seventeenth century Chinese writings speak of borrowing the landscape and the Japanese term “shakkei” (borrowing scenery) describes a fundamental consideration in the design of ancient Zen gardens as well as modern renditions. This conscripting of views works well here where the natural lands offer four seasons of beauty but we rarely consider exploiting this design idea.



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Garden Musings

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Diving down into the shakkei concept, we find that our perspective changes from the single vanishing point of Western paintings to the layered vistas of the Eastern tradition. This is the principle of the three depths – the foreground, the middle view and the far distance. Your eyes move from the close-up features of a rock, a bench or fire pit to the shoreline, dock or edge of woods. Finally, you absorb the distant water, forest or sky. Psychologically, your mind travels from the narrow to a grander worldview while at the same time triggering a state of relaxation.

Yes, I admit it sounds quite mystical, but hear me out.

The gardens that we create around our homes and cottages are quite personal spaces and they are usually controlled spaces. They reflect our individual interests



Focus on muted colours that do not distract from the natural blues, greens and browns of the surroundings (this includes lawn furniture).

and design aesthetic. One might have a modern garden with clean lines and a limited plant palette of ornamental grasses or shrubs. Or perhaps a preference for the cottage garden, blousy and full of heirloom plants like hollyhocks and roses. In many cases we treat these gardens as separate from the wildness that surrounds our lodgings here in Haliburton County. It is the same in urban areas where the predominant backdrop is a fence or building. Gardens become detached spaces – distinct

and unconnected.

One of the many benefits of these extraordinary natural surroundings is becoming one with the environment and seeing beyond the property line. When borrowing the view, we go beyond and visually enlarge our habitable space. The bonus is that this extra space doesn't need watering, weeding or mowing!

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Blurring the line between cultivated and wild

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However, borrowing the view is not always an easy choice. It requires letting go of absolute control and blurring the lines between cultivated and wild.

In order to integrate planted spaces with the land beyond here are a few tips:

- have no gaps or very narrow gaps between the gardens and the natural lands
- use native plants near the edges to avoid any problems with self-seeding or spreading
- use “wild-looking” plants instead of smaller, compact varieties
- do not prune shrubs into balls, cubes or animals
- echo the forms of the land beyond with similar shaped plants
- focus on muted colours that do not distract from the natural blues, greens and browns of the surroundings (this includes lawn furniture)
- frame desirable views with plantings to edit out distractions like sheds or hydro poles

The goal is to be one with the land around you. Ideally, you should not be able to tell where the garden ends and the view begins. If you can achieve this, you have indeed borrowed scenery.



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Weekend camp for women strikes a chord

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Jennifer James loves summer camp. She attended as a child and she has helped plan camps for other children.

When she was a child, she came up to Camp Adelaide every year and now, as a Girl Guide leader, she makes sure that tradition continues for other kids.

She noticed when she was organizing the camp trips, the mothers would remark how much they wished they were also attending camp.

"Every time parents were sending their daughters on these trips, they go, 'I wish I could go, it sounds like so much fun,'" said James in an interview with *Haliburton County Life*.

It gave her an idea, which in the last 10 months has blossomed into a full-time job for the stay-at-home mother of five.

"I wanted to go somewhere I could drink some wine, and paint a sign and have a really good time and come back feeling renewed and having fun. Given that wasn't out there I thought, hey, I'll create it," she said.

That's how Rustic Mama Retreats was born. A weekend camp for women, the format includes some physical activities, some crafts, good food and socializing. James said she made sure there was something for everyone, so if you're not a fan of one workshop, there's a different one happening at the same time.

James lives in Warkworth, about 45 minutes from Peterborough with her husband and kids. She was familiar with the Haliburton Highlands from her time at Camp Adelaide, but it was actually through Google searches that she came across Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre near Irondale.

"We went on a tour and I fell in love. It's beautiful there. I hadn't heard of it before, but once I saw it I knew it was the perfect place," she said.

"They have a variety of cabin styles. If it's a smaller group, say two or four, they can be with just their friends, but if you're coming with a group of 15 they have the larger cabins where they can accommodate 15."

Angie Grant, special events co-ordinator for Bark Lake, said the facility fits perfectly with a retreat format, since there's plenty of space for concurrent



The Rustic Mama Retreat balances physical activities like yoga and high ropes with crafty pursuits, such as sign painting. / Photo by Richard Briant

workshops and a large dining room for when the group comes back together.

"We're a good fit for Rustic Mama due to our facilities and what we're capable of doing," Grant said. "In comparison to other outdoor education centres, we have about 60 buildings on site, 10 to 15 classroom spaces that allow us to be able to run 10 different workshops every hour and a half to two hour block for her. Then we're able to sleep 330 people and we have a large dining hall."

Bark Lake sales assistant Robert Lowes said while Rustic Mama came to the camp through a Google search, they receive most of their referrals through word of mouth and the 70-year history of the facility.

"The beauty of Bark Lake is that we don't fit in with camps. We are a conference centre as well, so we are able to host a lot of retreats that are outside school groups and educational groups," he said.

James incorporated Bark Lake's assets into her programming with an opportunity to use the climbing wall, high ropes and archery.



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Jennifer James created Rustic Mama Retreats to meet a demand for a summer camp experience geared to women. /Photo courtesy of Jennifer James

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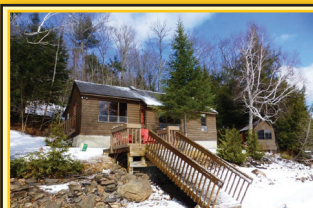
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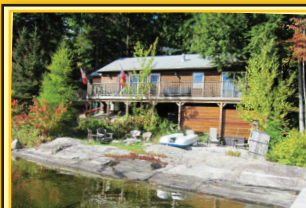


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After James came up with the concept in August of 2017, Rustic Mama ran its first retreat in April at Bark Lake. What she thought would be a small group of women ended up being 167.

"When I made the contract with Bark Lake we had signed it saying there was going to be 20 women there. So that quickly changed. It was such a surprise," she said.

She describes the feeling as "pure elation."

Rustic Mama has clearly hit on an unmet need among women to have a chance to get away from it all.

"As a mom of five kids, I know we're always giving. You're giving to your husband, you're giving to your kids. I volunteer a lot with Girl Guides and I never get that time for myself to just breathe," she said.

Some mothers can feel like their lives now revolve around their children and they don't get time to focus on themselves.

"You come back so different, so relaxed, so renewed. You're ready to give again. But also, realize the value of taking care of yourself and how it makes you feel," she said.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first retreat, James has added more dates. Two more this spring are already sold out – one at Bark Lake and the other in Muskoka. There are three planned for the fall: one at Bark Lake, one at Cedar Ridge near Bancroft and the other in Algonquin Highlands at Camp Kandalore.

"We're planning to have 12 next year," James said.



Women got to practise their archery skills at Rustic Mama Retreat at Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre in April. The retreat was so popular that plans are in the works for 12 more in 2019. /Photo by Richard Briant

"This has transitioned to a full-time job. My husband is now a stay-at-home dad and I work on Rustic Mama retreats full time every day," she said.

To find out more about Rustic Mama Retreats, go to <https://rusticmamaretreats.com>.

Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre will be celebrating its 70th birthday this year with a gala event on Oct. 13 and an open house the following day. You can keep up with them by visiting barklake.com.

At their April retreat, participants took advantage of Bark Lake's facilities, including the climbing wall. /Photo by Richard Briant



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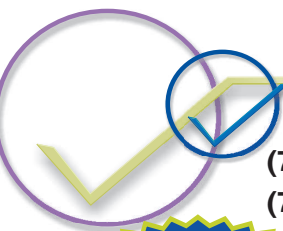
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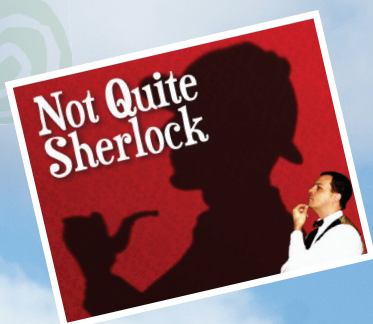
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Romeo and Juliet ignites summer theatre season

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A famous balcony, two dueling families and many kisses will be coming to the Highlands as the 2018 season of the Highlands Summer Festival kicks off with *Romeo and Juliet*.

Arguably one of William Shakespeare's most well known stories, *Romeo and Juliet* is a tale of two lovers who are inseparable, but hindered by two families at war with one another.

This year's production stars local talent Hannah Klose as Juliet and Highlands cottager Kyle Simpson as Romeo.

The young pair, who are both in university, say tackling such famous characters is both challenging and exhilarating.

"Playing a character like Juliet is definitely scary," said Klose in an email to the paper.

"People are generally very attached to her, even before they see the show, so there's a little bit of pressure to really get the character right. However, I mostly just feel very, very lucky to have this opportunity. I'm so grateful to Scot [Denton] and the Summer Festival for letting me play this incredible role."

The production is under the artistic direction of Scot Denton, who has been with the Highlands Summer Festival for many seasons.

While audience members might have a preconceived notion of Juliet, Klose said every actress puts her own spin on the role, and she is no different.

"I have to work hard to not adhere to the stereotypical Juliet, and to find my own version of her instead," she wrote.

Playing such a well known literary character has its perks as well.

"There are so many great things about this role. I get to say all kinds of

iconic lines and I get to hang out on the most famous balcony in theatre. There are also lots of resources to help me figure out the character, which has been really helpful," said Klose.

Simpson shares similar sentiments, noting that Romeo is a character that also comes with challenges.

"I feel so lucky to be playing Romeo," he said in an email. "It's a role I have always wanted to play, and being a part of this production is truly a dream come true."

Simpson finds Romeo's character one filled with extreme emotions.

"One moment he's gloomy and crying, the next he's fallen in love and immediately after that he's about to murder someone. It's a little tough to keep up with, but when we're all on our feet with swords in hand I'm sure it will happen naturally."

A student at the University of Ottawa, Simpson is completing a degree in music. His admiration for Shakespeare dates back to his high school days.

"I fell in love with Shakespeare in my last year of high school when we read *Hamlet*. The absolutely stunning language that the character Hamlet uses all the time left me speechless and so I decided to learn several of the monologues/soliloquies from the play by memory. I still know them to this day, and unlike most things, they are good at both parties and auditions."

The pair are enjoying working together and learning from one another.

"Kyle is the perfect Romeo ... he reads Shakespeare really well and he's a great actor. He gets stronger every time I see him, and I'm so excited to work with him further," said Klose.

"Hannah is so much fun to work with," wrote Simpson. "We had only met a couple times when rehearsals started but other members of the cast

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Actor Hannah Klose gets used to being on the balcony of the *Romeo and Juliet* set, which in this photo is in early days of construction. The production is being staged in July in Haliburton. /Photo courtesy of Scot Denton

Plenty of surprises in store for audiences this summer

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were convinced that we had known each other since we were kids ... I love the way she plays Juliet because she is decisive and to the point when she needs to be while being charming and lovey-dovey when she is with Romeo. It's an impressive balance and I always look forward to working on scenes with her."

It's likely that most audience members will have read the play or seen a movie version of *Romeo and Juliet* before seeing the local production, but the lead actors say there will still be plenty of surprises in store.

An amazing set, large ensemble cast and stellar production team contribute to the performance, which takes place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion this July.

"The audience can expect love scenes, sword fights, poetry, camaraderie and tons of conflict between younger and older characters," said Simpson.

"This production is much larger than any other I've been a part of. The massive set piece, the fight choreography, the sheer number of people; it's incredible."

Romeo and Juliet will be on stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from July 2 to 10 (with the exception of July 7), with matinee and evening performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For tickets contact 705-457-9933 or visit www.haliburtonsummerfestival.on.ca.



Kyle Simpson and Hannah Klose are preparing to play *Romeo and Juliet* for Highlands Summer Festival in July.

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Grade 8 students help clean up the park

Top right, JDHES student Jocelyn Chumbley hands a chewing gum package to Grace Wootton, who was holding a bag of garbage collected along the river's edge as their fellow students Lucas Graham and Nate Boore look for more garbage. They were rewarded for their efforts with a barbecue put on in the park by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. //JENN WATT Staff

Below, Rotarian Steve Roberts cooks up some burgers at the Head Lake docks for hungry students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on May 11. The Rotary Club of Haliburton organized a litter cleanup day with Grade 8 students.



Left, Myles Sharp pulls a garbage bag full of mud and water out of the brush alongside Head Lake on May 11. He was part of the Grade 8 group from JDHES that helped clean up the waterfront. The effort was organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton, which fed the kids burgers and hot dogs when they were done.



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Enviro-Café sounds off on municipal climate change action

OLIVIA ROBINSON

County Life Staff

Municipalities can lead the charge against climate change, according to Victoria Ervick and Tracy Roxborough of Sustainable Severn Sound. The pair came to Haliburton on May 8 to speak about how municipalities can develop a climate change action plan concerning greenhouse gas emissions at an Environment Haliburton Enviro-Café event.

Created in 2011, Sustainable Severn Sound is a municipally-funded and directed sustainability program. Sustainable Severn Sound aims to educate and assist municipalities by introducing blueprints for a local climate change action plan. This allows for municipalities to take stock of GHGs, and prioritize actions to reduce these emissions.

Roxborough said that Sustainable Severn Sound tries to point municipalities towards the pros of reducing GHG emissions such as cleaner air and water, but it's often another green factor that grabs their attention – money.

"Municipalities have control of approximately 50 per cent of emissions within their community because they own so much infrastructure and buildings," she said. "If we can help them try and reduce the energy use, it allows them potentially to free up some money and improve infrastructure in their community."

The group credits their partnerships with Severn Sound Environmental Association, the North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation, the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, and the County of Simcoe for its success and support of the program. Seven municipalities work with the Sustainable Severn Sound, including Midland, Penetanguishene, Georgian Bay, Severn, Oro-Medonte, Tiny and Tay.

Sustainable Severn Sound offered some advice to Haliburton County should it implement a GHG reduc-



Tracy Roxborough and Victoria Ervick of Sustainable Severn Sound speak about the advantages of getting municipalities on board with GHG reduction at the May 8 edition of Enviro-Café. / OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

tion strategy – be aware of independent utility providers, like oil and propane companies.

Ervick said that if they could have changed one thing about their own process, it would have been to communicate and include these providers in the conversation of climate change early on.

"If you were to do this kind of model, definitely engage them early on, engage them as a stakeholder, because they are as much a part of the process as the rest of the community."

Other parallels were drawn between the two lake regions. Much like Haliburton County, Severn Sound sees an influx of people in the summer.

The Severn Sound region has a population of more than 85,000 people, but that number surpasses nearly

200,000 in the summertime, said Roxborough. They noted it was equally important to try to connect with the part-time residents about climate change action plans.

One of the challenges discussed at the Enviro-Café was how to best engage people within the community. Ervick said disaster preparedness for catastrophic events like floods is a tangible way of showing a community how climate change can affect daily life.

Environment Haliburton is encouraging those interested in the issue of municipal climate change action plans to attend the Haliburton County council meeting on May 23, which will feature Ian McVey of the Ontario Climate Consortium.

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"Who's a pretty boy?" asked Belinda Gallagher about this rose-breasted grosbeak at her feeder in Highlands East.



This beautifully marked wood duck was a sight to see in Belinda Gallagher's backyard.



Roger Harrison sent in this photo of a moose on his property. In 20 years, he'd never seen moose on his property, he said.



Spring has finally arrived and there is no better sign of it than to see a family of beavers on the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, writes John Bordignon, who sent in this photo.



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When: Friday to Sunday
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Arts and business together enhance town

IT SEEMS like every few years Minden goes through a little death, only to revive with the infusion of new blood; usually in the form of new store openings.

Carole Finn realizes that, and as an individual business owner (Finn Artists' Centre), she's trying to do something about it.

She sees art as a partial answer in bringing more people to Minden.

It's no secret that Haliburton village has the lion's share of arts-related activities. One could say there was almost an industry there, revolving around Haliburton School of Art + Design, the studio tours, the Rails End Gallery, and the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

But according to Finn, "We need more art activities in Minden. We need more people and more organizations involved to focus on making Minden another arts hub," she said recently when I visited her in the Artists' Centre gallery.

Towards that goal, Finn approached the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands to ask them if they'd be interested in getting together with her artists' centre in putting together a show.

The result is the Brush in Hand exhibition. The exhibition was juried by out-of-the area artists recommended by the Peterborough Art Gallery.

There have been ample words written in various local publications about the exhibition, but the important thing to me, and to Finn, is the arts council involvement.

The arts council itself has undergone an infusion of new blood and has exciting initiatives and potential projects on the horizon.

The Brush in Hand co-production with the Finn

Artists' Centre is a great example of the new spirit at the council.

Though the call for entries for Brush in Hand was aimed at arts council members only, it is a fine beginning to what, hopefully, will be the first of many such involvements with the arts scene in Minden.

Arts council members Susanne James, Terry Wright, Rossana Dewey and Laurie O'Reilly, all who had at least one piece in the show, were responsible for organizing and mounting the exhibition.

It is a vibrant show that will be ongoing until May 27. Go see it.

Running concurrently with Brush in Hand is the annual Members' Show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Featured this year are 11 drawings by Walter Braker, who is the Curator's Choice award winner from 2016.

Walter honed his craft at the art classes at the Minden Legion, under the guidance of June Anderson.

It's interesting to compare this non-juried show with the juried exhibition at the Finn Artists' Centre.

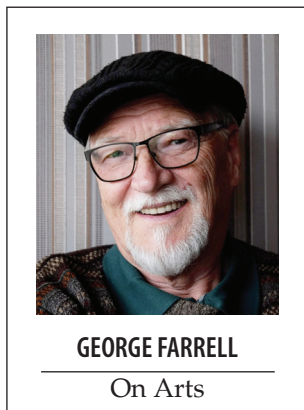
A couple of artists have works in both exhibitions. The Members Show will run until May 26.

So there is, and will be, art in Minden at both galleries, but that still leaves many areas where organizations such as the arts council can work with the community.

There are to be sculptures on the streets of Haliburton, so why not more along the Riverwalk in Minden? Or more murals?

Carole Finn is in favour of these ideas and she also said she has plans to have artists go out and paint street scenes in Minden, with a view to holding an exhibition of those paintings.

Nothing like that has been done in downtown Minden since the pastel series Lois Raw did several years ago.



GEORGE FARRELL

On Arts

Finn wants to mount exhibitions that would feature emerging artists, such as her students Susanne James and Dagmar Boettcher.

But individuals like Carole Finn can only do so much. She said the Brush in Hand opening was well attended, but since then not too many people have gone to see the exhibition.

"Getting people to Minden is the problem. Right now Minden doesn't have the pull to draw people."

But help might be on the way.

There are some big changes coming to Minden. I've heard that the municipality is looking to hire a person to work in the area of economic development.

That person will also be responsible for increasing the profile of arts and culture in the community.

Hopefully this new hiring will help in giving the downtown core a shot in the arm, and induce new tenants to occupy empty stores.

New businesses will definitely help in drawing more people downtown. And raising the arts and culture profile will certainly help the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. In the meantime, Carole Finn, as the owner of the only private gallery in Minden, will continue to do her part.

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Tracking severe weather in the Highlands

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

Severe summer weather can arrive with little warning, destroying property, downing trees and sometimes threatening lives.

Environment Canada has plenty of methods of tracking storms as they develop, but they can't always get on-the-ground information leading up to and following a severe weather event.

To help them gather information and to better warn other communities of coming danger, a network of 7,000 volunteer CANWARN weather spotters have been trained across the country.

They report large or extensive hail, heavy rain, damaging wind, funnel clouds, waterspouts and tornadoes.

On Saturday, a new crop of volunteers gathered at Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre near Irondale to learn how to spot severe weather from Geoff Coulson, warning preparedness meteorologist for Environment Canada.

"CANWARN spotters are letting us know, have they had flash flooding? Have they had tree damage from downburst winds? Have they seen a funnel cloud or a tornado... all of this information key to help the forecaster better understand the significance of the storm," Coulson said.

"CANWARN spotters are helping us to ground-truth what we're getting from radars, lightning detection network and satellites. Many of our Ontario tornadoes are weak and difficult to detect and so again timely reports from trusted sources on the ground are important."

In order to prepare the volunteers for what they might see, the meteorologist instructed them on how to identify types of thunderstorms, the difference between a downburst and a tornado and to be cautious about misidentifying a false funnel as a tornado or funnel cloud.

Terry Moore of Environment Haliburton, which co-sponsored the event with Bark Lake and Canoe FM, told the audience that learning these skills is one way to build resilience in the community as it grapples with the effects of climate change.

"We've had two 100-year storms, floods, in the last four years in Minden



Geoff Coulson, warning preparedness meteorologist, conducts a training session at Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre near Irondale on Saturday, May 12. The training was for CANWARN storm spotters, who collect and report valuable on-the-ground information for Environment Canada. /JENN WATT Staff

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Until the Discovery Channel has a show called Downburst Chaser, I'll spend the rest of what's left of my career trying to convince folks of the significance of these events.

— Geoff Coulson
Warning preparedness meteorologist
for Environment Canada

and in large parts of the county. We know the changes climate change is bringing are already here," Moore said.

"What we wanted to do was ... help give people both an advance warning if there's extreme weather coming their way, but also to help Environment Canada ground-truth what exactly happened on the shores of Kashagawigamog, anyway? Was this a downburst? Was this a tornado? What exactly did occur here?"

Most people now have smartphones with them wherever they go, which means reporting of bad weather is far more common than it once was, however, Coulson said that doesn't necessarily help scientists.

"Social media is also giving me reports like 'boy is the sky dark' and 'yeah, that's a lot of lightning,'" he said.

For example, while someone might think they see a tornado on the horizon, sometimes it will be strangely

shaped clouds. The telltale sign is swirling debris on the ground beneath that funnel shape.

Environment Canada puts out four different alerts – special weather statements, advisories, watches and warnings.

The last two would be used to prepare people that a storm is on its way. Watches are for larger geographic areas and talk about the potential for a severe storm to develop. The warning is for a smaller area and is more time sensitive.

"One of the challenges we face with severe weather is the speed with which these storms ... develop and move. That means the average lead time for many of our severe thunderstorm warnings and tornado warnings is minutes, maybe 10 to 15 minutes on average before that weather arrives at your location," Coulson said.

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'No place outside is safe during a thunderstorm'

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While summer warnings come quickly, in the winter, the storms are larger and easier to track ahead of time.

For a storm to be severe, it needs to have any or all of the following features: big hail the size of a nickel or larger; heavy rainfall – for example, a month's worth in one storm; damaging bursts of wind with speeds of more than 90 kilometres an hour; produce one or more tornadoes.

Coulson said most Ontario storms will produce one or two of the above features, but that "super cell" storms can bring all four.

Coulson taught the group to identify the difference between single cell, multi-cell cluster and super cell storms.

His talk was also peppered with frequent warnings to be safe when spotting storms.

Lightning can travel distances of up to 17 km all around the storm, which means the sky above could be blue in Ingoldsby and lightning from a storm above Minden could still strike.

One of the best online tools for tracking incoming thunderstorms is a German-based site called www.lightningmaps.org. It uses lightning sensors from around the world to track activity in real time.

Thunderstorms need three ingredients to form, Coulson said.

First, there needs to be a supply of low-level moisture, which he called the fuel.

For this region, that frequently comes from the Gulf of Mexico.

Second, unstable air.

Third, something to kick it off creating lift, which could be a cold front or it could come from lake breezes in the case of the Great Lakes.

Coulson also talked about downbursts, which he said were often confused with tornadoes since tor-

nadoes take up so much of the popular imagination.

"These bursts of wind often have widths of damage significantly wider than tornadoes, often have wind speeds that rival most of the tornadoes that we get in Ontario," he said.

"Unfortunately, until the Discovery Channel has a show called Downburst Chaser, I'll spend the rest of what's left of my career trying to convince folks of the significance of these events," he said. (Coulson told the group that it's a matter of months before his retirement.)

Downbursts are gusts of wind that come down out of a storm.

"If the storm is stationary and the burst of wind comes out and hits the ground, it spreads out in all directions. If we look at the damage from above, it looks like a starburst," he said.

When the storm is moving, all of the debris will be laid in one direction.

This can help investigators who arrive after the storm determine if it was a tornado or downburst.

Since the role of CANWARN storm spotters is ultimately to improve safety for everyone, Coulson dedicated time to talk about safety during extreme weather events.

Lightning takes the shortest path to the ground, he told the audience, striking trees, chimneys, hilltops.

When you hear thunder, go inside and stay inside until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder (keep in mind, lightning can travel 17 km).

Seek the best shelter. Go to the basement. Stay away from windows, doors and plumbing. Do not use the landline.

If you only have your vehicle, that is better than being outside.

"No place outside is safe during a thunderstorm," he said. However, the vehicle should have a metal roof.

"It's the metal cage of the vehicle that gives us

lightning protection, not the rubber tires."

When on the water, as soon as you hear the first rumble, you should get to shore and then from there get to shelter.

People in the audience asked what to do if you're camping somewhere without a shelter and without a car, like backpacking or canoe camping in Algonquin Park.

"Everything is better than a tent," he said.

While it may be human nature to stay within the shelter of the tent, it will not protect you from flying debris.

If there is a structure, go there.

Cabins and cottages are best.

If there is a vehicle, use that, but make sure it's not under any large trees that could fall on it.

Park the car away from objects that could hit the car.

If you have no shelter at all, the best thing to do is go to a low-lying area, lie flat and cover your head, he said. Even that is no guarantee of safety.

The best defence is to be prepared, have a plan and watch the weather forecast.

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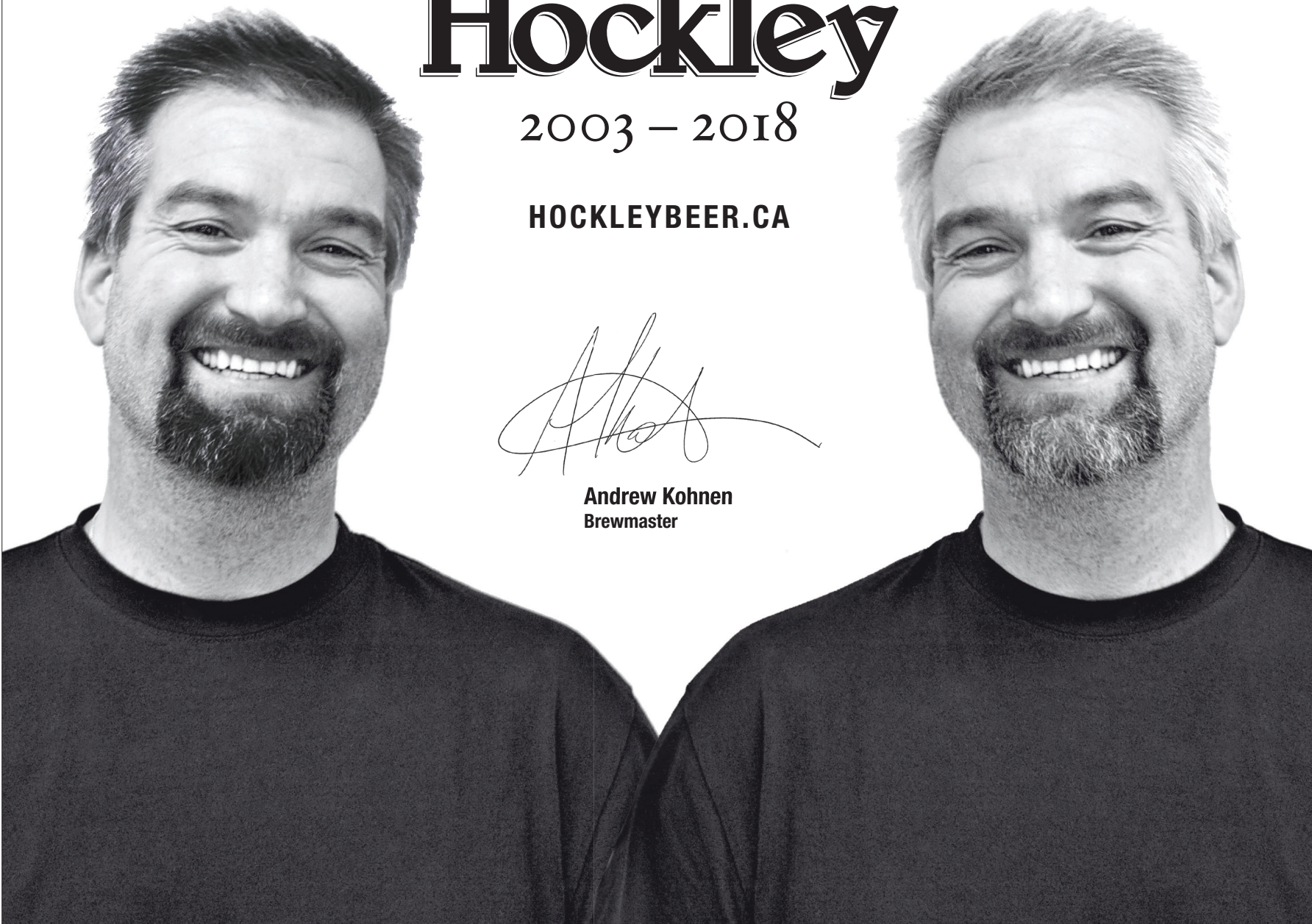
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Upcoming Events

Introduction to Mindfulness

When: Saturday, May 18, 2018
Where: Mindfulway Meditation Centre, 179 Ridgeview Road, Haliburton
Register @ Mindfulway.org 905-852-1825
Mindfulway@bel.net

Haliburton Lions Club Walk for dog guide fundraiser and Trunk Sale

Come be part of the fun
When: May 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
Entertainment provided by Gord Kidd
\$10 entry fee to sell from your trunk
Registration 11:30 a.m., walk 12 p.m., Pledges available at PetValu in Haliburton
or call Lion Kathryn Kidd 705-754-0939

A Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising Event: Party With A Purpose

When: Saturday, May 19, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, 55 Parkside Street, Minden
Ticket Price: \$10
Live music/games/drinks/prizes
For more information, please contact Lynsey at 647-223-0266 or lynsey1988@hotmail.com

Gooderham United Church - Yard Sale

When: Sat. May 19, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Light refreshments and bake goods.
Donated items appreciated
For pick-up or drop off call, June at 447-2838
Please, no large appliances, cribs or mattresses

Gooderham Community Action Group annual Street Sale

When: Saturday May 19, 9 a.m. There will be entertainment, good buys and of course a barbecue provided by our Gooderham Station 3 Firefighters. Anyone wanting to set up a table is welcome.

For more information about the street sale, please contact:

Marilyn Wooder 705-447-2906

Denise Winder 705-447-2953

Karen Polhamus 647-273-0182

Ingoldsby UCW - Pie Sale

When: Saturday, May 19 – beginning at 9 a.m. until sold out.

Where: Ingoldsby United Church – 1741 Ingoldsby Road.

Variety of homemade pies, tarts and crisps.

Mega Book Sale of gently read books

When: Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Library book nook and lawn outfront. Great prices!
Come fill a grocery bag with books for only \$5!

Need to Know Education Series: Simple and Affordable Ways to Eat Healthy Feel Great and Live a Healthy Life

When: Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Haliburton
Join our Diabetes Education experts and taste test your way to learning how to prepare and enjoy healthy food to fuel your life! From resource information, recipes, tutorials on preparation, and an overview of the benefits of food as a tool to living a healthier life, this workshop is a valuable opportunity to keep you healthy.

Registration to attend this free event is required.
Tel 705-457-2941 x 2922, Email: nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust presents: Exploring the Lives of Bats

When: Saturday, May 26 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
Where: Minden Cultural Center
Do you or your children have questions about bats? Come and join the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for a fun and informative presentation on bats, "Exploring the Lives of Bats".

Our presenter, Brock Fenton, Emeritus Professor of Biology, has been studying bats since he received his Ph.D. in 1969 for work in the ecology and behaviour of bats. He has continued his research with special emphasis on bat echolocation and evolution. Bring your curiosity and your questions about bats to this presentation. Admission by donation.

Minden Animal Hospital Customer Appreciation Day

When: Saturday, May 26, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
A great way to meet the staff if you are new to the area or just want to visit our facilities. For our valued clients it is a chance for us to thank you for your loyalty.
Refreshments, cake and some events are planned in various rooms of the hospital. Hope to see you here!

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra Presents: "Passages"

When: Saturday May 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: The Northern Lights Pavilion.
Cost: \$15 for regular tickets, or \$20 for an adult accompanying a child under 16.
Tickets: Pharmasave in Minden, or Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or from any orchestra member. Reserve by phone: 705-286-0413
Highlighting classical music that takes you on a journey. We'll be playing movements from Pictures at an Exhibition, Buckaroo Holiday, Bach's Little Fugue in G minor, and the American Suite by Dvorak, and many others. This performance features Melissa Stephens on Piano, playing the Tchaikovsky piano concerto in B flat minor.

Haliburton Concert Series, Celebrating 40 years

New this year: all concerts begin at 2:30 on Sunday Afternoons

May 27: MitBravour Piano Trio

Sept. 30: Pentaedre Quintet

Oct. 28: The Poet & The Singer

For information: haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca

Call Fred Shuttleworth: 705-455-9060

The Haliburton Highlands Grannies annual Grannies Tea

When: Sunday June 3, 2018, Doors open 1:00 pm, tea begins 1:30 pm

Where: Stanhope Community Centre, North Shore Rd.

Loonie Auction, Granny Creations Marketplace and Herbs from Abbey Gardens

For Tickets, call: Jacqui Clarkson 754-9851, Gayle Upshall 286-3411

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018

Bat Box Building Workshop

When: Saturday June 9, 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery

Haliburton is home to the eight bat species found in Ontario. However, bat populations are declining due in most part to White Nose Syndrome, an invasive fungus. Bat boxes are easy to make and install and provide bats with alternative roost sites. Join us to assemble your own bat box from kits provided by the Land Trust and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. Please register as there are a limited number of bat box kits for this workshop. Register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab or call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment.

Haliburton County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale

When: Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m. sharp

Where: Village Green in downtown Minden.

Come early to get a number and browse the plants. Hardy perennials and many unusual daylilies. Great prices. Contact Heather at 705-489-4030.

Water Ambassadors Canada 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic

When: Thursday, June 21.

Time: 1 p.m. shotgun start, 6 p.m. dinner

Where: Pinestone Resort

Register: www.waterambassadorscanada.org/golf.html or contact Ursula at 705-455-2037
golf@waterambassadorscanada.org

Water Ambassadors Canada provides clean drinking water to impoverished communities around the world. Last year's tournament raised enough money to help over 10,000 people. Let's do it again.

Recurring Events

Morning Glories

When: Tuesday and Friday 8:30am

Where: Upstairs in the Haliburton Arena

Contact: Jane Jaycock 705-754-9996 or

jjaycock@hotmail.com

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Youth Program

Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth. Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.

Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road

Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group

Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact community support services 705-457-2941 for more information

Al-anon Minden

When: Monday evenings at 8 p.m.

Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams

When: Every Saturday From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (continuous event)

Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON

Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.

Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands

Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.

Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 286-6042 or patcampbell@live.ca

Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios

Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.

Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon

No experience needed.

Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or

andreacoys@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

\$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir

When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.

Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi

Carnarvon: Zion United Church

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - noon

Friday: 10 a.m. - noon

Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre

Wednesday: 2 to 4 p.m.

Haliburton: United Church

Monday: 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Health Recovery: Monday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - noon

Kinmount: Galway Community Centre

Monday: 10 a.m. to noon

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon

For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Pickleball

When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is \$2.00

Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator,
705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Table Tennis

When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is \$3

Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.

Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.

Daily events:

Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton

Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)

Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,

Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for \$1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.

Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre

Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Friday Spaghetti dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

Saturday Lou Moody Rainbow trout fishing derby. \$15/person 1 fish limit

Register at the branch by Friday, May 18 or bait shop before 10 a.m. Sat. 19

Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

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Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Thursday Community care seniors program

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Upcoming events

May 26 Honours & Awards 7 p.m.

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Fun Darts

starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
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Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General Meeting third
Thursday of the month starting

at 7 p.m. All members urged
to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last

Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Cribbage 1 p.m. start,
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4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 per draw.

Chester Howse, MC

Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m.

onwards

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw,
Tickets are \$1 each from noon

onwards

Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth

Sunday of the month – 9:30

a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person.

Occasional volunteers are needed.

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HSAD instructor's illustrations land on Canada Post stamps

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

The day Canada Post released its stamps with Dave Murray's bee illustrations, the Toronto-based artist visited three post office branches to see the final product for himself.

Two of them had the stamp booklets, but he had to go to the First Post Office to find one of the first day covers, which are envelopes with a postmark featuring the date of the stamp's issue.

"They definitely questioned why you're buying 10 booklets of stamps," Murray said in a recent interview with the paper.

He explained that he was the illustrator behind the rusty-patched bumblebee and metallic green bee they saw on the stamps, and of the small eastern resin bee on the first day cover.

"The First Post Office actually had me sign a booklet that they have on display," he said.

Murray is an instructor at Haliburton School of Art + Design in the Digital Image and Design program, where he has worked for the last five years. He said he comes up to Haliburton for at least a couple of weeks a year to teach.

"It's a nice annual retreat for me. I really love it up there," he said.

"It's pretty much you're looking to combine ways to create images both traditionally through photography, drawing, painting, and bring those into a digital workspace, Photoshop or Adobe Illustrator. Even going as far as making movement, like short videos or cinemagraphs or gifs, or any other kind of animations."

Murray was asked by graphic designer Andrew Perro if he would like to collaborate on a proposal to Canada Post to do the stamps.

"We developed a pitch to Canada Post based on what they wanted to see. [I] kind of crossed my fingers on my end and hoped they'd select my ideas, which they did," he said.

Elia Anioia, manager of stamp program development at Canada Post, said Perro and Murray's stamps stood out because of their colourful, bold design.

"They were unique, creative, innovative and colourful and so it would appeal to the younger generation," she said.

Together, Perro and Murray created stamps with elements of cubism, bright colours and an almost robotic quality – something a bit different than the realism people would come to expect in nature illustration.

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Artist Dave Murray is an instructor at Haliburton School of Art + Design. His illustrations are featured on new stamps issued May 1 by Canada Post. /Photo by Jaime Hogg

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New stamps draw attention to Canada's native bee populations

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A viewer would expect "a technical or encyclopedic type drawing," Murray said, "Like a really accurate visual representation."

The process took about a year and a half, during which time he wasn't allowed to tell anyone.

"It's been difficult not to talk about it because as an illustrator, getting your work on a stamp, it's really one of the biggest things you can do," he said. "I really had to keep it under wraps. It's a top secret mission."

On Canada Post's end, the process is more like two years from selecting a theme for the year to finding the right image to having it refined for use.

Each year, between 15 and 20 themes are chosen by the stamp advisory committee and about 50 to 60 stamps created based on those themes.

"With bees, we selected two stamps to represent the bees," said Anioia.

"For Canada Post, it's a great way for us to tell the story about bees and how important they are."

Aside from being compelling subject matter, bees also gave the artists a chance to raise awareness about the role pollinators play in the environment and the plight of the rusty-patched bumblebee.

"Reading about the rusty-patched bumblebee was pretty shocking," Murray said. "It's an endangered type of bee, it's really only been found in Pinery Provincial Park around Grand Bend, Ont., since 2002. It's crazy to think any insect ... that they've only seen them in this one tiny little area of Ontario. It's crazy to think about."

According to information on the Ontario government's website, the cause of the rusty-patched bum-



Above, Canada Post's new bee stamps, featuring on the left the rusty-patched bumblebee and on the right the metallic green bee. The stamps were a collaboration between graphic designer Andrew Perro and illustrator Dave Murray. Murray is an instructor at Haliburton School of Art + Design. /Photos courtesy of Canada Post

blebee's decline is not known. Pesticide use, habitat loss and climate change are thought to be factors.

The metallic green bee can be found in southern Ontario and nests in the ground.

Murray, who grew up in St. Catharines, said he's had plenty of personal experience with this type of bee.

"The green bee I was pretty familiar with going into the project as they were a staple in my parents' front yard – been stung by those guys a few times in my life," he laughed.

Up next for the illustrator is a series of portraits for the NHL.

"This is a dream job," said the long-time hockey fan.

"The first piece will likely be a portrait of the Stanley Cup, which is, I just have to sit down and laugh at myself about that," Murray said. "Within a week and a half I've gone from stamps to the Stanley Cup. I don't know what else I could ask for."

The bee stamp booklets are available throughout Canada, including at the Haliburton post office.

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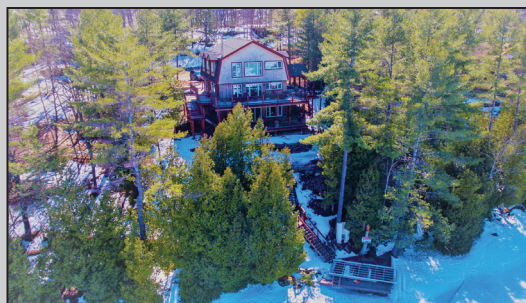


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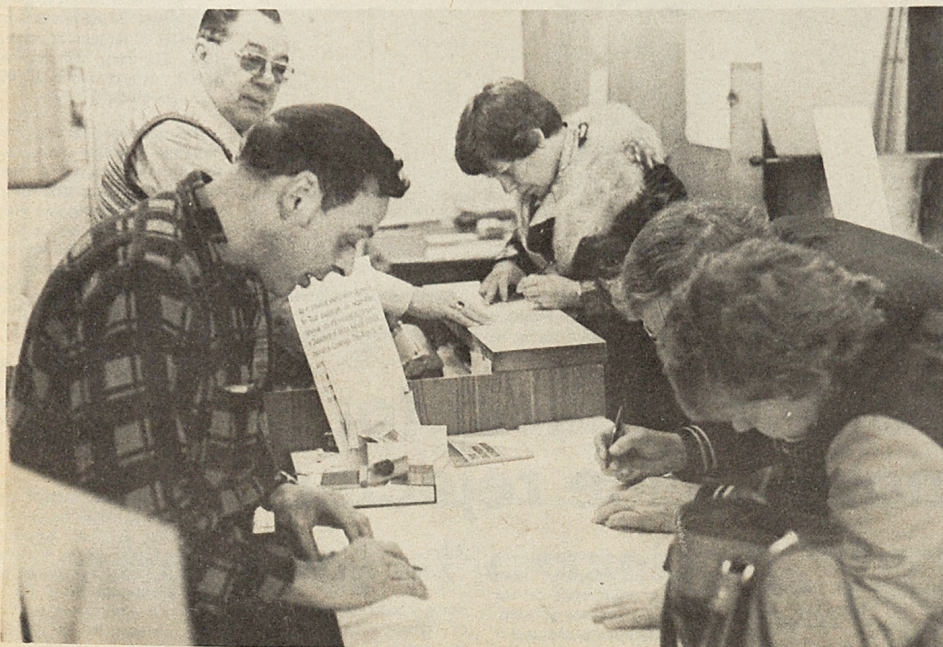
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Wednesday, March 4, 1981



It was a busy Saturday for Don and Reg Booth, left, as they processed licence renewal forms for motor vehicles. They handled close to 100 applications on Saturday, down somewhat from the 250 received Friday. Don Booth described the last minute rush as "about average" compared with other years. He noted that 50 to 60 individuals decided to wait until the rush was over, and stopped in Monday for the renewal stickers. Drivers caught on the road with 1980 validation stickers on their licence plates are liable for a fine under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

Club to get new roof

The Minden Curling Club is going to get a new roof.

Representatives of the club and the contractor, Ray Knight Construction of Orillia, reached the agreement last week after a meeting was held at the new facility. The results of the agreement were announced at a special gathering of curling club members Wednesday evening.

According to club president Jim Garbutt, the club was presented with three options to correct the leaking roof. He said there was a possibility of having another coating placed over the original roof to seal it, repairs to the damaged panels or having an entire new roof installed. Garbutt said the contractor was opposed to the second option because he felt that close to two-thirds of the roofing panels were incorrectly installed.

The club representatives opted for the entire new roof

and work is expected to begin as soon as weather conditions permit. There is a three week waiting period while the material is being ordered.

The president said that when the roof is being replaced, the insulation which has been soaked with water will be examined. If it is felt the insulating value of the material has been lost, that too will be replaced. Garbutt pointed out that the insulation may still be useful once it has dried out and any decision on replacing all or part of the material in the roof will have to wait until it is inspected.

A meeting of close to 50 members of the curling club Wednesday evening were told of the decision. Those in attendance also quizzed club executives about problems during the construction of the new facility and other club matters.

Deficit blamed on water line extensions

The cost of extending the Minden water system in 1978 has been blamed for the current deficit position of the water budget. That point was made during a presentation to Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council February 25 as they met with representatives of their auditing firm.

The councillors were told that areas where the water line was extended generate \$8100 in revenue while the yearly cost to pay for the installation amounts to \$23,000.

The water lines were extended in 1978 along various sections of the by-pass

Bobcaygeon Road north, Orde Street and Teesdale Street among others.

Peter Carroll of MacGillivray and Company, the township's auditors, presented the breakdown in costs to the councillors. He had appeared before the council in late December with a preliminary appraisal of the water and sewer systems and was asked by the members to return with a detailed examination of the financing of the two systems.

Carroll said the fact the deficit is being created by the extensions could be the

responsibility of the Ministry of the Environment. The provincial agency installed the new water lines and established the rates which property owners would have to pay to return the capital outlay which was made. Since the rate does not return the needed revenue to cover the yearly capital cost of the new water lines, the system is faced with a yearly deficit of close to \$15,000, Carroll told the meeting. The water system in total is also generating a \$7500 operating deficit he pointed out.

At the moment the water system has an accumulated deficit of \$33,000 and the auditor said he expected another \$8000 to be added to that amount this year. Carroll noted however, that the municipality has some \$54,000 in prepaid frontage charges from both systems. This money is being used as operating capital from year to year and will cover the accumulated deficit if the size of that deficit is not allowed to increase.

Carroll suggested the council should discuss the matter of the capital deficit with the representatives of the Ministry of the Environment. He said they might be able to change the terms of the capital cost repayment system to more accurately reflect the cost to the municipality.

As to the operating deficit, the auditor said the council could eliminate that by raising water rates some 25%. At the moment the average residential customer is paying \$73 for water service while a

25% increase would represent an \$18 hike.

Carroll said the residents of the community should realize they are not being unfairly treated. He said the water rates should have been increased gradually during the past few years but they were not, leading the current deficit position.

Councillor Lyle McKnight told the meeting he expected an increase of 50% would have been needed to get the water system out of the red ink. He appeared relieved that only a 25% hike would be required.

According to the auditor, one of the reasons the township's water and sewer systems were suffering financial problems was that these sectors were not receiving their share of the provincial grant. He pointed out that the province provides each municipality with a grant based on the revenue it generates. This includes taxes, fines, fees and charges for water and sewer services. He said the revenue from these systems represents about 17% of the income realized by the township and so 17% of the grant from the province should be used to support these services.

Carroll told the councillors that by applying that portion of the provincial grant from the last three years and the 1981 portion, the sewer system will be in a surplus position while the water system deficit will be greatly reduced. He pointed out however, that taking the 17% from the general fund and

transferring it to the water and sewer accounts will mean the general fund will have to raise that extra amount or spending will have to be cut by that much.

The councillors seemed pleased with the explanation

Water meters considered by township council

The question of whether meters should be installed to measure individual residence and commercial establishment water consumption was considered at some length during the February 25 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council. The matter was raised in conjunction with a review of the water system's financial problems.

Reeve Lloyd Walker told the meeting he was in favour of having meters installed in the village. "It is certainly a lot fairer way of assessing costs," he said. "If we could afford it I would like to see the entire community on meters."

Township auditor Pete Carroll described the suggestion as one which would require a cost-benefit analysis, to determine if the additional expense of purchasing and installing the meters could be recouped at a reasonable rate. The meeting was told by the clerk-treasurer, Elinor Burke, that meters for the water system would cost approximately \$100 each and would require

provided by the auditor, not so much for what the figures revealed, but because the financial state of the water and sewer system was clarified. "It is beginning to make sense now for the first time," Councillor Ed Pergolas commented.

an installation time of one hour. At the moment water charges are assessed on a unit basis. A residential user is assessed at three units while commercial establishments generally have a higher number of units depending on the estimated water usage. The assigning of the number of units is done in reference to a list.

Councillor Ed Pergolas questioned the validity of some of the ratings on the list and suggested that the council review the entire assessment process. He said the list was out of date.

Councillor Lyle McKnight told the meeting that he felt meter installation was too expensive and the council should reject the idea. Councillor Larry Cummins suggested that if the council were to consider meters, they should be installed at commercial establishments only.

The matter was left unresolved but it appears likely it will be raised for further discussion at later meetings.

February weather

by Phil Graham

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Average high	.8	33.4
Average low	-9.8	14.9
Average for the month	-4.5	23.9
Average for February 1980	-11.2	11.8
High temperature (Feb. 22)	9.5	49.1
Lowest temperature (Feb. 5)	-34	-29.2
Snowfall	54 cm	21 in.
Rainfall	58.8 mm	2.3 in.
Snow on ground Feb. 28	average 16 cm	6.2 in.
Snow on ground Feb. 28/80	32 cm	12.5 in.
Total snowfall to date	237 cm	93 in.

We were exposed to both extremes of weather during the month of February. The first half of the month was cold and winter-like while the last half featured warm temperatures and spring-like conditions. Many above average temperature records were broken in that time. The accumulation of snow dwindled from 30 inches to nothing in two weeks. Despite the warm weather there is still a great deal of snow in the bush in the northern portion of the county.

Rainfall for the month was above average while the snowfall recorded was below average.

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